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## **Towards Climate-Neutral and Resilient Cities**

Accelerating the Transition of Local Authorities  
through Support and Training



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## Accelerating the Transition of Local Authorities through Support and Training

AT LAST is an EU-funded project that supports European medium and small-sized cities in implementing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP). The project focuses on bringing different sectors together and assisting local governments in planning, financing, and carrying out their strategies to establish climate-neutral and resilient cities.

AT LAST will build capacities with a training programme in 25 local governments in four pilot networks (Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Sweden) on how to plan and implement local energy and climate action strategies. The project will extend networking and support opportunities to a hundred municipalities through Communities of Practice (CoP) across Europe.



## Pilot in Italy

The AT LAST Project pilot in the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy targets medium-sized cities, addressing SECAP execution challenges from mobility to resilience. It focuses on developing smart energy districts and communities through workshops, identifying technological, social, and economic solutions.

The pilot aims to implement six specific projects and linked business models, emphasizing governance, cross-sectoral integration, and financial innovation. Objectives include accelerating investment, defining bankable business plans, and accessing private capital for mitigation and adaptation projects.

The project also promotes multi-level governance, shared knowledge, and training in financing, governance, and cross-sectoral integration for stakeholders in environmental, energy, public building, mobility, and green areas. Through these efforts, the Italian pilot strives to advance sustainable development and resilience in urban contexts.

### Topic

**Italy**  
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-  Governance
-  Cross-sectorial integration
-  Financial Innovation

### Key objective

Address SECAP execution challenges via workshops, implementing smart energy districts and communities, emphasizing governance, integration, and financial innovation.

### Municipalities involved\*

- Rimini
- Imola
- Modena
- Cervia
- Carpi
- Ravenna



\* Municipalities involved - May 2025

## Pilot in

## The Netherlands

The AT LAST Project pilot in the Netherlands focuses on establishing climate-neutral neighborhoods through collective home renovation projects, aligning with the Renovation Wave. The pilot addresses market failures by supporting municipalities to initiate large renovation projects effectively and efficiently, necessary for the energy transition at local level and to meet the European Green Deal requirements.

The objectives of the pilot include implementing collective subsidies, public-private partnerships, and integrated cross-sectoral approaches.

The pilot involves stakeholder analysis and action research on governance models in 10 municipalities as well as regular workshops with these municipalities.

Findings will inform a report and three key papers on institutional development, governance, and participation. The target audience comprises municipalities, social housing corporations, and energy cooperatives, fostering a Community of Practice through workshops.

## Topic

## The Netherlands Towards Climate-Neutral and Resilient Cities

-  Governance
-  Cross-sectorial integration
-  Financial Innovation

## Key objective

Establish climate-neutral neighbourhoods through collective home renovation projects, addressing market failures via government intervention.

## Municipalities involved\*

- Berkelland
- Hoorn
- Horst aan de Maas
- Rheden
- Veenendaal
- Lochem
- Borger-Odoorn
- Ridderkerk
- Arnhem
- Deventer



\* Municipalities involved - May 2025

## Pilot in Sweden

The AT LAST Project pilot in Sweden tackles the challenge of aligning economic strategies with environmental goals. Focused on key sectors like transport, construction, and negative emissions, the project partners with Helsingborg, Kristianstad, and Mariestad municipalities.

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), partnering with these municipalities, aims to analyse emissions trends and climate impacts, design plans for climate neutrality and resilience, and calculate necessary investments, while also assessing the city's experience with climate change and adaptation challenges. They collaborate with municipal governments to design actionable plans for achieving climate neutrality and enhancing resilience, with mechanisms for monitoring progress.

Additionally, SEI calculates the necessary investments from various stakeholder groups (citizens, industry, local authority) to attain climate neutrality in transport emissions and negative emissions solutions, alongside bolstering city resilience.

The discussions with local governments explore innovative financing, with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability. The project aims to produce a concise report outlining climate investment plans and financing mechanisms, demonstrating a commitment to addressing climate challenges in Swedish cities.

**Sweden**  
Towards Climate-Neutral and Resilient Cities

### Topic

● Financial Innovation

### Key objective

Financing mechanisms and business plans for the refurbishment and development of certain neighbourhoods in cities, with special attention to lower-income areas.

### Municipalities involved\*

- Helsingborg
- Kristianstad
- Mariestad



\* Municipalities involved - May 2025

## Pilot in Belgium

The AT LAST Project pilot in Belgium, Flanders, focuses on achieving the 2050 target of 75,000 housing units per year, emphasizing a collective approach at the district level. Prioritizing Positive Energy Districts (PEDs), which aim to produce as much energy as they consume, the project centres on carbon neutrality and surplus energy production.

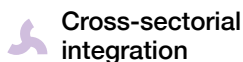
Preliminary phases involve assessing three neighborhoods in the municipalities of Oostende, Holsbeek, and Temse for their PED potential through energy consumption analysis and identification of energy reduction strategies.

Renovation advice tailored to housing types is provided to make districts energy-positive, alongside district-wide interventions such as water basins and green roofs. The pilot project also includes visioning sessions to determine PED objectives and stakeholder analysis, selection and development of projects from city climate plans, drafting tender files, and conducting methodology workshops with local authorities on PED implementation challenges.

Through these efforts, the AT LAST project aims to facilitate and accelerate the transition to energy-positive districts in Flanders.

**Belgium**  
Towards Climate-Neutral and Resilient Cities

### Topic



### Key objective

Facilitate visioning sessions, select projects from climate plans, draft tender files, and conduct methodology workshops on Positive Energy Districts.

### Municipalities involved\*

- Oostende
- Bonheiden
- Knokke-Heist
- Kontich



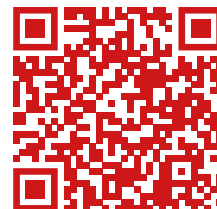
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The AT LAST e-learning platform includes a wide range of content on four essential topics:

- Finance
- Governance
- Positive Energy Districts
- Leading a Community of Practice (CoP)

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